

*U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District,
3rd Annual Partnering Conference*

2005 Conference Workshop Session I

“Cultivating Relationships Through Education, Collaboration, & Innovation”

Project Cooperation Agreement Workshop- Workshop Session II

Presenters: Carolyn Earl, Mike Harden, & Mary Kinsey

The development and management of a Federal water resources project is guided and regulated by numerous laws, policies, technical standards, and other requirements. Many of these cannot be changed without further legislation, agreements with interested parties, or conditions that are beyond our authority to change. On the other hand, some conditions are more flexible and there is some leeway for striking the right balance between requirements and individual project circumstances.

We hope that through improved coordination with our non-Federal sponsors and their active participation on the Project Delivery Teams that cost-sharing issues will be raised early on during project development. Processes are in place for development and negotiation of agreements, but some are quite time consuming. Mr.. Michael Harden, MVD CW Integration Division, will provide an overview of cost sharing requirements, types of agreements, and negotiation processes. Carolyn Earl (MVN Agreement Coordinator) and Mary Kinsey (MVN OC) will present the New Orleans District procedures and typical timeframes required.

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Workshop Outline:

- I. Introduction
 - a. Instructor
 - b. Cost Sharing Requirements
- II. Types of Agreements
- III. Model Agreements Available
 - a. List
 - b. Website
 - c. Examples (as handouts)
- IV. Statutory Items, Non-Negotiable without Legislation
- V. Strong Army Policy Items, unlikely to change without Legislation
- VI. Procedures
 - a. Models
 - b. Model with Deviations
 - i. Same as a Previously Approved Agreement
 - ii. Brand New Deviations
 - c. No Model Available
 - i. Seek Out Similar Project
 - ii. Create Your Own Model (like CWPPRA is attempting)
- VII. Timing/Scheduling
 - a. Evaluate Specific Situation Early
 - b. Get Sponsor's Attorney Involved
- VIII. Work In Kind